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Committee Bill No. 5516

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT REQUIRING DEPOSIT OF CERTAIN CHARITABLE
CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE "TURN IN POACHERS" FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 26-27 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this
5 section and other provisions of this chapter providing specific license
6 exemption, no person shall take, hunt or trap, or shall attempt to take,
7 hunt or trap, or assist in taking, hunting or trapping, any wild bird or
8 mammal and no person more than sixteen years of age shall take,
9 attempt to take, or assist in taking any fish or bait species in the inland
10 waters or marine district by any method or land marine fish and bait
11 species in the state, regardless of where such marine fish or bait species
12 are taken, without first having obtained a license as provided in this
13 chapter. No person under sixteen years of age shall hunt or trap,
14 except as provided in section 26-38. Any person who violates the
15 provisions of this subsection may, in lieu of remitting payment of the
16 fine prescribed by section 26-64, as amended by this act, make a

17 contribution to the Turn In Poachers Fund established in section 3 of
18 this act.

19 Sec. 2. Section 26-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

21 [Any] Except as provided in subsection (a) of section 26-27, as
22 amended by this act, any person who violates any provision of this
23 part for which no other penalty is provided shall be fined eighty-seven
24 dollars.

25 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) The Department of
26 Environmental Protection shall establish a Turn In Poachers Fund for
27 the purpose of funding the turn in poachers program. The fund may
28 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund and
29 shall be held by the Treasurer separate and apart from all other
30 moneys, funds and accounts. The interest derived from the investment
31 of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Amounts in the fund may be
32 expended by the Department of Environmental Protection to provide a
33 grant to the Turn in Poachers nonprofit organization and to staff the
34 department's toll-free hotline that is used by persons to provide
35 information on poaching and other fish and game law violations. Any
36 balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be
37 carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

38 (b) Any contribution made in lieu of a fine, as described in
39 subsection (a) of section 26-27 of the general statutes, as amended by
40 this act, shall be deposited in the Turn In Poachers Fund. The
41 Department of Environmental Protection may apply for and receive
42 moneys for the fund from any federal, state or private source.

43 (c) Any administrative costs related to the operation of the Turn In
44 Poachers Fund shall be paid from the fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	26-27(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	26-64
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To help fund the Turn In Poachers program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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